

TAFT INTIMATES HE WILL FAVOR ALIEN MEASURE

Signifies Attitude on Limitation of Immigration at Hearing in White House.

ILLITERACY TEST FOES MAKE THEIR LAST FIGHT

Friends of Foreigners Who Want to Come to Country Charge Interests Back Proposal.

The Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill, which provides for a literacy test for persons coming into the United States, will be signed by President Taft unless he finds in the arguments made before the bill in the East Room of the White House today are much stronger than any of those made in Congress. President Taft warned the delegation of more than 100 representatives of the foreign population in the United States that he was disposed to sign the measure.

From 10 o'clock this morning until after the President's usual lunch hour, representatives of German, Scandinavian, Jew, and Italian populations made appeals to the President to withhold his approval of the literacy test. The reasons ranged from the eugenic effect of the bill to a charge that special interests were seeking its passage.

Last Stand of Foes. The opposition to the bill, which has made itself felt ever since the measure was first drafted in tentative form in 1911, was focused against it today, in the last stand of the enemies of the measure against its final enactment into law.

Congressman Curley of Massachusetts acted as a master of ceremonies. The crowd, including some of the most prominent members of the various nationalities in the United States, crowded into the East Room of the White House, a more commodious hall.

Chief Justice Olsen, of the Illinois supreme court, spoke for the illiteracy test. He said that the literacy test would operate to bar from this country many men and women. His argument, in effect, was that an illiterate laborer was more desirable than an educated one.

DEMOCRATS IN BITTER FIGHT TO RULE IN SENATE

Progressives Determined to Oust Reactionaries From Places of Power.

MARTIN AND SIMMONS MARKED FOR SLAUGHTER

Reorganization of Committees Is Planned in Manner to End Seniority Rule.

By JOHN SNURE. Raising the slogan, "The hand of Aldrich must not be allowed to rest on the Democratic side of the Senate," the progressive Democratic Senators have renewed their effort to force such reorganization of the upper house as will strip the conservatives and reactionaries of authority.

For a few weeks there has been an armistice in this struggle. The counsels of those who insisted there should be harmony among the Democratic Senators, lest Democratic control be jeopardized, seemed likely to prevail. Now, the armistice is off and the war has begun again in more deadly earnestness than ever.

Seek to Oust Old Leaders. The plan now is not simply to organize the committees so they will have a progressive trend, but to go out after the scalps of two of the conservative chieftains, Senator Martin of Virginia, Democratic leader, and Senator Simmons of North Carolina, chairman of the Finance Committee. Conferences are being held among the progressive Democrats daily in pursuance of this plan.

Committees in Five Classes. The plan of the progressive Democrats, as it is roughly outlined, is to elect a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary of the Committee on Committees. They are to choose, subject to caucus approval, six others, making a committee of nine. The Committee on (Continued on Seventh Page.)

CULLOM'S ILLNESS ALARMS FRIENDS. Veteran Senator From Illinois Confined to His Home With Severe Cold. Friends of Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, oldest member of the upper chamber in point of years, as well as of service, are worried over reports of illness that come from his residence, 1413 Massachusetts avenue northwest, today.

BEACH SWEARS STRANGER CUT WIFE'S THROAT

Millionaire, on Stand, Sticks to His Story of Mysterious Assault.

COOL AND COLLECTED THROUGHOUT QUESTIONING

Courtroom Is Packed to Capacity as Clubman Describes Attack at Home.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 6.—Holding to the story of a mysterious man who struck down his wife and slashed her throat, Frederick O. Beach, New York millionaire, today personally presented his defense to the jury which is trying him for the alleged assault.

Beach was the first witness called by the defense today. He was apparently cool and collected and answered questions of Attorney Byrnes slowly and deliberately.

Court Is Delayed. Court was delayed in opening today, and it was not until nearly 10 o'clock that Attorney Henderson, for the defense, called Beach to the stand. He and Mrs. Beach had been on hand nearly half an hour. The defendant wore a new dark green suit today, and took the oath with composure.

CUTTER STANDS BY GROUNDED STEAMER. The Anne Arundel Reported as Not in Serious Position in Chesapeake Bay. The revenue cutter Apache is standing by the steamer Anne Arundel, which was grounded last night in Chesapeake Bay near the Potomac river. The Anne Arundel is a passenger steamer operating between Baltimore and Norfolk. She is reported not in a serious position.

Suicide Tells of Act at Birthday Party. CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Guests at the birthday party of Allen Diehl, seventeen, were making merry today when her uncle, Conrad Diehl, fifty-three, walked into the room and held up his hand.

MRS HENDERSON PLEADS GUILTY; FINDS CHAMPION

Society Leader Escapes Fine on Appearance in Police Court.

SPECIMENS OF TREE SHOWN AS EVIDENCE

Judge Pugh Attacks District Officials for Causing "Second Hearing" of Case.

Decrying what he termed the unfairness of making Mrs. John B. Henderson, wife of former Senator Henderson, and wealthy owner of the famous "Henderson Castle," stand two trials within a week for cutting down a tree without a permit, Judge James H. Pugh, in the District branch of the Police Court, today criticized by inference the authorities responsible for the society woman's second appearance in court and refused to fine her for the offense. Mrs. Henderson's personal bond was taken.

The wealthy defendant pleaded "guilty" to the charge. Part of Tree in Court. Balliffs and other court employees were kept busy during the trial of the case keeping back persons in the court room who sought souvenirs of the tree, a great part of which was brought into the court room to exhibit in an attempt to prove the veracity of Mrs. Henderson, who has declared all along that the tree was dead.

She Paid Two Fines. "I know that Mrs. Henderson paid that fine. Surely \$50 is enough pay for a tree which is not really dead," was true in the best of health. If according to the testimony of witnesses. Since this is practically the second time that she is arraigned on this charge I cannot with justice fine her."

Blames Corporation Counsel. Corporation Counsel E. H. Thomas was specifically referred to by Mrs. Henderson and was accused of having retarded in more ways than one the prosecution of sixteenth street northwest.

ROCKEFELLER QUIZ SET FOR TOMORROW. Pujo and Undermyer Will Examine Oil Magnate on Private Island in Georgia. William Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate, will be subjected to a quiz by Chairman Pujo and counsel Undermyer of the Money Trust committee at Jekyll Island, near Brunswick, Ga., tomorrow.

Society Leader in Court Today



MRS. JOHN B. HENDERSON. Photo by G. V. Beck.

FRIENDS ALARMED BY PEARY'S ILLNESS

Reported Explorer Was Operated Upon for Appendicitis, But His Wife Denies This.

The condition of Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, who was operated on at his apartment in the Burlington by Dr. James F. Mitchell, is causing anxiety to friends of the family. These intimate friends of Admiral Peary assert that the operation, which was performed yesterday, was for appendicitis. Mrs. Peary, in a statement today, denies that it was for appendicitis, but declined to state what the nature of the operation was.

PARCEL POST CARS COMING ON MONDAY

Two of Five Automobiles Will Then Await Approval of Postmaster General. The five new parcel post automobiles contracted for by the Washington postoffice, will be delivered Monday. If they meet with the approval of Postmaster General Hitchcock and Postmaster Merritt they will be immediately placed in service on the parcel post routes.

BULGARIANS DRIVE 45,000 TO RETREAT

Seize Four Towns as Turkish Forces Flee in Great Disorder.

SOFIA, Feb. 6.—The Bulgarians today occupied the villages of Meresta, Bulair, Charkeu, and Kavak, and the entire Turkish army in the peninsula, 45,000 men, was said to be retreating in great disorder toward the Marmara coast, where there are Ottoman fortifications.

ALBANIANS ADVANCE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 6.—A dispatch received here today said that 20,000 Albanians were advancing on the town of Uskub, which has been held by the Servians since shortly after the beginning of the war. Uskub is 100 miles from Salonica.

JOHNSON IN FINAL BATTLE TO SADDLE OLD DEBT ON DISTRICT

District Chairman Renews Fight on Expenditures and Insists That Residents of Washington Bear Expense of Interest on Bonded Indebtedness and Sinking Fund.

WANTS BATHING BEACH TO BE PAID FROM REVENUES OF DISTRICT

Further wrangling over the half and half principle occurred in the House today when consideration of the District appropriation bill was resumed, and Congressman Ben Johnson offered the expected but perfunctory amendment saddling upon the District the entire payment for interest and sinking fund on the funded debt.

The House two days ago decreed that the Federal Government should not pay its 50 per cent of the \$975,000 appropriated for the interest. Mr. Johnson's amendment today, action upon which was postponed, was the last step in putting entire responsibility upon the District as far as the House is concerned.

Health Department Reports Beneficial Results in Those Already Formed. In accordance with recommendations of Health Officer W. C. Woodruff and Dr. William M. Davidson, Superintendent of Schools, the system of open-air schools in the District probably will be extended in view of the beneficial results shown to have been obtained by pupils of the "fresh air classes" at the Blake and Stevens schools.

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War Over Bridge. When consideration of the District bill was resumed, Congressman Burleson, in charge of the measure, offered an amendment providing that the District should pay \$254 out of its own revenues for approaches to the new bridge across Rock Creek park on the line of Pennsylvania avenue. This amendment, which is still under debate at this hour, providing that the piers of the bathing beach shall be paid entirely from District revenues. The entire item went out last week on Johnson's point of order, but he moved to reconsider it today with the proviso that the District should maintain the beach without aid of the Federal service.

Convention of Tailors Coming to Washington. The International Tailors' Association, meeting today in convention at Philadelphia, is to hold the next annual convention in Washington. This decision was reached because of the location of the city and the fact that many Washington tailors are taking leadership in the organization.

Bryce Is Appointed Member Hague Court. LONDON, Feb. 6.—James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, has been appointed a British member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice is to succeed Mr. Bryce in the United States.

Claims for \$71,000 Are Filed Against Mexico. Claims for \$71,000 filed by Americans injured at El Paso and Nogales by stray Mexican bullets fired across the national boundary, urged by Senator Smith of Arizona, were yesterday referred by the Senate to the Mexican government as a national demand, on recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Fair tonight and Friday; lowest temperature tonight about 15 degrees.

TEMPERATURES.	
U. S. BUREAU	APPELBECK'S
8 a. m. 25	8 a. m. 24
9 a. m. 26	9 a. m. 25
10 a. m. 27	10 a. m. 26
11 a. m. 28	11 a. m. 27
12 noon 28	12 noon 27
1 p. m. 28	1 p. m. (in sun) . 49
2 p. m. 28	2 p. m. (in sun) . 51

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises 7:11 Sun sets 5:24

TIDE TABLE.

High tides—2:37 a. m. and 3:20 p. m. Low tides—8:27 a. m. and 9:20 p. m.